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Page 5LAUNCH COMPLEX "J"

TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE: CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES IN THE VICINITY OF LAUNCH PADS J1 AND J2.

2. REMARKS: LAUNCH COMPLEX "J" INCLUDES 3 MAJOR FEATURES: A LARGE SUPPORT FACILITY WHICH CONTAINS AN ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING AREA AND A CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREA, A MASSIVE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING WHICH HAS 2 SECTIONS, AND A LAUNCH AREA CONTAINING 2 LAUNCH PADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THESE FEATURES ARE ALL RAIL AND ROAD SERVED.

THE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING WAS FIRST OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON [REDACTED] IT APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE ON [REDACTED]

ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF LAUNCH PAD J1 WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED ON [REDACTED] AS AN AREA OF GROUND SCARRING. A LARGE EXCAVATION WAS OBSERVED AT THIS LOCATION ON SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A SECOND EXCAVATION WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 1,700 FT TO THE WNW. IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT THESE AREAS WERE DESIGNATED LAUNCH AREA J1-J2.

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3. LOCATION: 18 NM NORTH OF TYURATAM.
4. COLLATERAL/COMINT: NONE.
5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: (CONSTRUCTION OF SUPPORT AREA).
6. NEGATION DATE:
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: 20 KH-4 MISSIONS
4 KH-7 MISSIONS
8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: MASSIVE BUILDING --

LENGTH	800 FT (APPROX)
WIDTH	635 FT (APPROX)
HEIGHT	175 FT AND 120 FT (APPROX)
PAD SEPARATION --	1,700 FT (APPROX)
9. MISSION READOUT: THE LAUNCH AREA IS SECURED BY AN IRREGULARLY SHAPED SINGLE SECURITY FENCE SIMILAR TO THE ONE AT LAUNCH AREA G3-G4, TTMFC. THE PORTION OF THE RAIL SPUR EXTENDING FORWARD OF PAD J1 IS NOT SERVICEABLE. THE RAIL BED HAS BEEN DISRUPTED BY DITCHING AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN THE PADS.

THERE ARE AT LEAST 14 BUILDINGS LOCATED BETWEEN J1 AND J2, AND AT LEAST 5 OTHER BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE SECURITY BUILDING, ARE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LAUNCH AREA.

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PAD J1 CONTAINS A "Y"-SHAPED STRUCTURE, THE WALLS OF WHICH ARE NEARLY UP TO GROUND LEVEL. THE ARMS OF THE "Y" MEASURE APPROXIMATELY 215 X 55 FT. A CIRCULAR OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 35 FT IN DIAMETER IS LOCATED AT THE CENTER OF THE "Y". AN ALMOST SQUARE STRUCTURE IS LOCATED SLIGHTLY BELOW THE LIP OF THE EXCAVATION ON THE DOWNRANGE SIDE OF THE "Y".

A SIMILAR "Y"-SHAPED STRUCTURE APPEARS TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PAD J2; HOWEVER, IT IS IN A MUCH EARLIER CONSTRUCTION STAGE. THIS PAD ALSO HAS AN ALMOST SQUARE STRUCTURE LOCATED IN THE SAME RELATIVE POSITION ON THE DOWNRANGE SIDE OF THE "Y", BUT IT APPEARS TO BE SMALLER THAN THE ONE AT J1.

THE GANTRY TRACKS FROM THE MISSILE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING HAVE NOT BEEN EXTENDED SINCE [REDACTED]

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45-55N 63-16E

25X1
25X2
25X2

Y-SHAPED
STRUCTURE

CIRCULAR OBJECT

J1

ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT
BUILDING

GANTRY TRACKS

J2

70X ENLARGEMENT

ROAD

RAILROAD

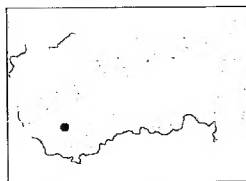
CONSTRUCTION
SUPPORT AREA

J1

J2

HOUSING AND
ADMINISTRATION AREA

SECURITY FENCE



40X ENLARGEMENT

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25X2
25X2

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